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1. On or about 31 May 1949 General YU Han-mou, head of the Canton Pacification Headquarters, sent approximately 250 Nationalist troops by ship from Canton to Hainan Island to arrange for the establishment of the Canton Pacification Headquarters at Haikou (110-20, 20-03), North Hainan*.
2. YU intends to move his troops to Hainan when the Communist threat to Canton becomes serious. For this move, YU has chartered the SS HAIAND (sic) which is now in Canton.
3. Some equipment and personnel of the Kwangtung Provincial Government have already been sent from Canton to Hainan.
4. On 2 June 2,400 tons of air force equipment were sent to Taiwan from Canton by ship.
5. The Ministry of National Defense has ordered the Canton defenses completed by 20 June.
6. The Chinese Communist authorities now want a peaceful occupation of Canton, and have instructed the Communist guerrilla units not to destroy communications facilities in the Canton area**.
7. The Communists are distributing leaflets among the Nationalist government workers, warning them to remain at their posts and prevent sabotage or suffer the consequences after Canton is taken by the Communists***.
8. Two Nationalist armies that evacuated Tsingtao between 26 May and 3 June went to Taiwan.

* Comment. information on YU's troops and on the possibility of his withdrawing from Canton to Hainan.

** Comment. reports that Communist guerrilla units plan to blow up rail lines, bridges and highways in the Canton area.

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